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1. Since the Laipin-Chennankuan Railway began operating, large quantities of minerals and native products from areas under the control of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam have been sent into Communist China in exchange for strategic materials.¹
2. Over 1300 tons were shipped by train through Nanning to Chanchiang² between mid-November and 5 December 1951. These shipments included 300 tons of raw rubber, about 500 tons of tin ore, about 200 tons of wolfram, zinc, and manganese ores, about 400 tons of sawn timber, and 200 tons of other products including sweet fennel, aniseed stars, and cassia oil.
3. The railway runs one train daily between Chennankuan and Laipin. Each train regularly carries two or three cars full of products for Communist China.

25X1A 1. [] Comment. On 8 November 1951 the Chinese Communist press reported from Nanning that this railroad had officially opened on 7 November 1951.

25X1A 2. [] Comment. The town by this name which is closest to the presumed course of the railroad is at 109-49, 22-54. If the new railroad does not go through the town it is possible that the goods were trans- shipped by river boat from Nanning. It is also possible that this Chanchiang is Fort Bayard.

25X1A 3. [] reports on the shipment of some 200 tons of raw rubber from Indochina to Nanning by truck.

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